



## Join Us for Free, Fun, Programs!

### *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge*

## October -2013

#### REGISTRATION

All refuge run programs are FREE but space may be limited and advanced registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated. Please call (978) 465-5753. Registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from a staff member. Please note that outdoor programs may be cancelled if there is inclement weather and also insufficient registration. Visit us on the web for more information: <http://parkerriver.fws.gov> or call Refuge Headquarters. The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA.

**Please note:** If a program requires pre-registration, your registration is not confirmed unless and until you receive a phone call or voice mail message from a member of the refuge staff.

### **"Behind the Scenes" Refuge Tour**

***Held on the following days: Friday, 10/11 @ 9:30 am; Saturday, 10/12 @ 9:30 am; Sunday, 10/13 @ 1:00 pm; Friday, 10/18 @ 9:30 am; Saturday, 10/26 @ 9:30 am; and Sunday, 10/27 @ 1:00 pm.***

***Tours last approximately 2 hours.***

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Tour will be conducted via refuge van, with several brief "drive by" stops along the way. The tour will present an "up close and personal" look at the refuge through the multiple lenses of the cultural history of Plum Island and the Great Marsh, native wildlife and their habitats, and the role of refuge management in the conservation of these precious natural resources. Participants may be driven along areas on the refuge otherwise closed to the public. This guided two hour program is most appropriate for older teens and adults. Binoculars and/or a camera are recommended, but not required. Meet the ranger in the lobby of the Headquarters visitor center. Each session is limited to 10 participants; no more than 4 individuals per sign-up. Again, this is a vehicle -based tour, with limited stops on the Refuge.

***Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. Be advised that individual tours may be subject to cancellation. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until having received a confirmation call back from a refuge staff member. Please call 978-465-5753; to register for this program.***

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## **Nature Kids!**

***Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am to Noon.***

Nature Kids! is a new, fun class geared towards 4-6 yr olds. This class is run by one of our dedicated volunteers who is a retired school teacher. Classes about nature and common backyard animals and plants are featured in this bi-monthly program. Each class is different and children do not need to attend previous classes in order to participate. The class is limited to 15 children. A parent or guardian must be present throughout the one hour session. Meet at the refuge visitor center and headquarters. Activities will be held in the classroom. **Preregistration is required.**

## **Phabulous Photo Weekend – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Phabulous Photo Weekend* is an annual multi-day event chock-full of free, fun nature and wildlife photography-related activities conducted at the visitor center and on the refuge. The event is held every October in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week. Sponsored by the refuge, the Photographic Society of Parker River NWR, Hunt's Photo, and the Friends of Parker River NWR, the 2013 *Phabulous Photo Weekend* will offer a great mix of things to see and do including narrated presentations by professional photographers, guided photo shoots on the refuge, opportunities to learn about the latest gear from leading photography equipment manufacturers, and an exhibit featuring beautiful photographic prints that have been entered into the refuge's 2013 photo contest. And it's all FREE! A complete schedule of event programs is available through the refuge web site or at the dedicated event web page: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Parker\\_River/visit/photowekend.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Parker_River/visit/photowekend.html).

## **Climate Change in New England: Past, Present, and Future**

***Monday, October 21st, 7:00 – 8:30 pm***

This FREE evening program will be presented in the refuge's visitor center auditorium by Dr. Cameron Wake, Research Associate Professor, Climatology and Glaciology, University of New Hampshire. This presentation is one in a series of sea level rise related programs that is being sponsored this fall by *Storm Surge* – The Merrimack Valley Coastal Adaptation Work Group. Preregistration is NOT required; anyone is welcome to attend.